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SUMMARY: (U) ACCORDING TO A NEWS ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE 2 APRIL 1985 ISSUE OF THE JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL, A NUMBER OF JAPANESE SCIENTISTS ARE BEGINNING TO PAY ATTENTION TO LONG-SHUNNED PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH. ACCORDING TO SOJI OHTANI, PROFESSOR AT THE JAPAN DEFENSE COLLEGE AND PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN PARAPSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION, THE STUDY OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA IN JAPAN IS NOT YET OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AND PAST EFFORTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS. CURRENTLY, TAKAHIRO ((SEKIMOTO)), PRESIDENT OF NEC CORP HOPES TO HAVE COMPANY RESEARCHERS STUDY TELEPATHY AS A REVOLUTIONARY FUTURE MODE OF COMMUNICATION. WHILE HIROO ((YUHARA)), ADVISOR TO UNIDEN CORP, AND FORMER HEAD OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION MINISTRY, S RADIO RESEARCH LABORATORIES (JAPAN'S MOST ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATION RESEARCH ORGANIZATION) HAS BEEN STUDYING PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ANOTHER RESEARCHER, MASAMICHI ((ROKUSHA)), A HITACHI, LTD ENGINEER, HAS SECRETLY DEvised A SYSTEM UTILIZING A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO GREATLY IMPROVE THE FUTURE STUDY OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY. IN ADDITION, A TECHNICAL ADVISER TO MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL COMPANY, HAJIME ((KARATSU)), SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FULLY UNDERSTANDING THE HUMAN BRAIN THROUGH AN UNDERSTANDING OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED COMPUTERS IN THE FUTURE. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MAY ALSO BE STARTING TO MOVE INTO THE FIELD OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY BY TAKING UP THE SUBJECT OF MAN'S SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES AS A STUDY THEME OF ITS FY 87 CREATIVE S&T PROMOTION PROGRAM.

TEXT: (U) THE FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTICLE TITLED "COMPUTER SCIENTISTS BEGIN PAYING ATTENTION TO LONG-SHUNNED PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH" WHICH APPEARED IN THE 2 APRIL 1985 ISSUE OF THE JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL.

"TADAHIRO SEKIMOTO, PRESIDENT OF NEC CORP., HAS A PET RESEARCH THEME WHICH HE IS HOPING TO SEE TAKEN UP BY HIS COMPANY'S RESEARCHERS. SEKIMOTO HIMSELF BROUGHT UP THE THEME SOME 20 YEARS AGO, WHEN HE WAS A SENIOR ENGINEER, AND HAD IT FLATLY TURNED DOWN. THE THEME IS TO SOMEHOW EXPLAIN SCIENTIFICALLY PHENOMENA WHICH ARE

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REFERRED TO AS THE 'SIXTH SENSE' OR 'TELEPATHY.'
 'THE STUDY OF THE SIXTH SENSE AND TELEPATHY WILL
 CERTAINLY PROVE A CORNERSTONE OF FUTURE MODES OF
 COMMUNICATIONS,' DECLARES SEKIMOTO.

UNKNOWN ENERGY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING AT PRESENT DEPENDS
 ON ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGIES AND SOUND VIBRATION
 ENERGIES. SEKIMOTO BELIEVES THAT THERE IS UNKNOWN
 ENERGY IN 'THE WORLD OF THE SIXTH SENSE' THAT CAN BE
 USED FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THAT DISCOVERY OF THIS
 UNKNOWN ENERGY MAY VERY WELL REVOLUTIONALIZE
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

'SCIENCE TODAY DOES NOT FULLY EXPLAIN WHAT THE
 ELECTRIC WAVE REALLY IS,' DECLARES HIROO YUHARA,
 ADVISOR TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GEAR MAKER UNIDEN
 CORP., AND FORMER HEAD OF THE POSTS AND
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY'S RADIO RESEARCH
 LABORATORIES, THE MOST ADVANCED OF JAPAN'S RESEARCH
 ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS FIELD. 'WHAT WE KNOW IS THAT WE
 CAN MAKE WONDERFUL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IF WE BUILD
 IT ON THE THEORIES OF ELECTRIC WAVE ENGINEERING. THERE
 ARE MANY BASIC MATTERS THAT REQUIRE SCIENTIFIC
 EXPLANATIONS.'

YUHARA HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEEN ENGROSSED IN
 STUDYING PHENOMENA DEFYING SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION. HE
 CONDUCTED A SIMPLE EXPERIMENT FOR AN NKS REPORTER. HE
 FIRST PLACED SOME NAME CARDS AND SMALL PIECES OF PAPER
 WITH NAMES WRITTEN ON THEM ON A TABLE AND THEN BROUGHT
 A BAR MAGNET HANGING FROM A STRING. WHEN THE MAGNET
 WAS PLACED ABOVE THE NAME CARDS, IT STARTED SWINGING
 RIGHT AND LEFT DEPENDING UPON THE NAME CARDS. YUHARA
 CLAIMED THAT WHEN THE NAME CARD IS THAT OF A DEAD MAN,
 THE MAGNET SWINGS TO THE LEFT.

TO EXPLAIN THIS STRANGE PHENOMENON, YUHARA
 FORMULATED THE FOLLOWING HYPOTHESIS: 'THE HUMAN BODY
 HAS A SECRET SENSOR IN IT AND THE SENSOR TRANSMITS THE
 INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE (DEAD OR ALIVE OF THE MAN
 WHOSE NAME IS ON THE CARD TO THE BAR MAGNET.'

'IN JAPAN, PSYCHIC PHENOMENA AND THE DISCIPLINE OF
 PARAPSYCHOLOGY ARE YET TO BE RECOGNIZED,' STATES SOJI
 OHTANI, PROFESSOR AT THE DEFENSE COLLEGE AND PRESIDENT
 OF THE JAPAN PARAPSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATION. 'WE,
 THEREFORE, ARE CONDUCTING OUR RESEARCH ON THE SUBJECTS
 COMPLETELY ON OUR OWN.'

EVEN AMONG BIG BUSINESS EMPLOYEES, THERE ARE SOME
 WHO ARE SECRETLY ENGAGED IN TELEPATHY IN THE BELIEF
 THAT THE DAYS WHEN THE WORTH OF SUCH STUDIES IS FULLY
 APPRECIATED ARE NOT THAT FAR AWAY.

ONE SUCH PERSON IS MASAMICHI ROKUSHA, AN ENGINEER
 BELONGING TO HITACHI, LTD.'S PATENT SECTION. ROKUSHA
 HAS RECENTLY DEVISED, WITH THE USE OF A PERSONAL
 COMPUTER, A SYSTEM TO GREATLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF
 STUDIES OF THE SIXTH SENSE.

ROKUSHA MAKES THE COMPUTER MEMORIZE THE FIGURES ONE
 AND ZERO 100 TIMES AT RANDOM AND HAS A CONTROL TO CALL
 OUT THE FIGURES BEFORE THE MACHINE FLASHES THEM ON
 SCREEN EVERY TWO SECONDS. THE 'BEEP' SOUND IS
 SOMETIMES ADDED TO TEST WHAT EFFECTS THE SOUND WILL
 HAVE ON THE CONTROL'S SCORE.

A COMPUTER ANALYSIS OF VAST AMOUNTS OF DATA
 COLLECTED SHOW THAT THE SCORES BECOME POOR AFTER THE
 BEEP SOUND AND THAT THE BEST SCORES ARE CONCENTRATED
 JUST BEFORE THE BEEP SOUND. ROKUSHA EXPLAINS THESE TWO
 PHENOMENA BY CONSIDERING THAT THE CONTROL SOMEHOW SENSE
 THAT THE BEEP SOUND DISRUPTS THEIR INTUITION SO SOME

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'THE DAY WILL CERTAINLY COME SOONER OR LATER WHEN
STUDIES OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA BECOME LEGITIMATE,'
ROKUSHA SAYS. 'I AM BUILDING UP THE NECESSARY DATA AND
INFORMATION FOR SUCH AN EVENTUALITY.'

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HAJIME KARATSU, TECHNICAL ADVISER TO MATSUSHITA
ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., SPEAKS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
STUDIES OF PSYCHIC PHENOMENA IN A DIFFERENT MANNER.
'DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE COMPUTERS HINGES ON A FULL
EXPLANATION OF BRAIN FUNCTIONS,' SAYS KARATSU. 'IN
BRAIN STUDIES, PHENOMENA SO FAR UNEXPLAINED BY
CONVENTIONAL SCIENCES SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN UP.'

THE STATE ALSO HAS STARTED MOVING INTO THE FIELD.
THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY HAS RECENTLY DECIDED
TO TAKE UP MAN'S SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES AS A STUDY THEME
OF ITS CREATIVE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION
PROGRAM AS FROM FISCAL 1987.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE MANY WORDS IN THE JAPANESE
LANGUAGE SMACKING OF THE SUPERNATURAL, NO SCIENTIFIC
STUDIES HAVE AS YET BEEN UNDERTAKEN ON THE PHENOMENA
IMPLIED BY THE WORDS. STUDIES OF SUCH PHENOMENA MAY
VERY WELL HAVE WIDE-RANGING PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS,
RANGING FROM CURES FOR ILLNESSES TO NEW COMMUNICATIONS
MODES.

SIR ISAAC NEWTON, FORMULATOR OF THE THEORY OF
GRAVITY, BECAME ENGROSSED IN STUDIES OF THE
SUPERNATURAL IN HIS LATER YEARS, WHILE BRIAN D.
JOSEPHSON, A BRITISH PHYSICIST KNOWN AS THE CREATOR OF
THE JOSEPHSON JUNCTION THEORY, IS NOW FULLY COMMITTED
TO STUDIES OF MAN'S SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES."

COMMENTS: (C-NF) INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT SHOULD BE OF INTEREST
TO ANALYSTS AT THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, DIRECTORATE OF
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